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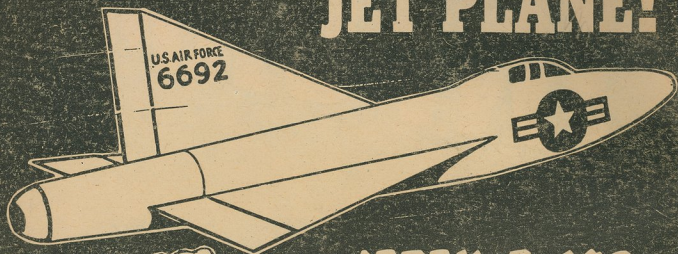
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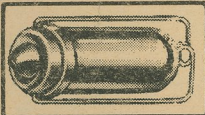
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AND WHEN YOU GET SO MANY PEOPLE TOGETHER, YOU NEED SOMEBODY
TO TAKE CARE OF 'EM.
ATHAT'S MY JOB. I'M A COP, DETECTIVE SERGEANT MARK FABIAN.
BUT THERE'S A PART OF OUR POPULATION THAT ALSO HELPS TAKE
CARE OF PEOPLE.
THAT'S WHAT THIS CASE IS ABOUT... A DOCTOR.
HE WAS ALWAYS ON CALL... AND HE DIDN'T
KNOW HOW TO SAY NO.
ESPECIALLY WHEN HE HEARD SOMEONE CRY.....



HELP ME, DOCTOR!!

YOU'RE GOING
TO DO WHAT I
SAY, DOC... AND
KEEP YOUR YAP
SHUT ABOUT IT!

DON'T...
DON'T
HURT
HIM!

OOOHHH!!
STOP!!



THE BEGINNING OF THIS STORY HAD
ALREADY HAPPENED BEFORE MY PART-
NER, PAT POLO AND ME CAME INTO THE
CASE. IT WAS 2:56 AND WE WERE WORK-
ING THE DAY WATCH OUT OF ROBBERY
WHEN WE SUDDENLY HAD VISITORS...

THE OFFICER DOWNSTAIRS TOLD ME
TO COME UP HERE AND TALK TO YOU...
ER... I'M DR. MANDELLI.

COME ON IN,
DOC, AND
SIT DOWN!



SOMEBODY HAD WORKED THE DOC
OVER... BUT GOOD! THEY BEGAN TO
FUMBLE WITH WORDS AND FINALLY,
IT BEGAN TO POUR OUT...

MY DAUGHTER...
SHE SAW IT...

HE BEGAN TO
HIT DADDY... HE
WANTED TO KILL
HIM!

EASY,
HONEY... LET THE
DOC TELL HIS
STORY IN HIS
OWN WAY!





"IT HAPPENED THIS MORNING... DURING OFFICE HOURS. THIS MAN WALKED IN. HIS ARM WAS CRUDELY BANDAGED WITH SOME DIRTY, BLOODY RAG ...

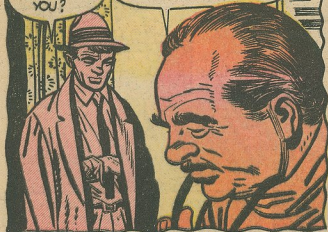
"HE WAS LIKE SOME WILD ANIMAL AT BAY. I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND HIS NERVOUSNESS UNTIL I LOOKED AT THE ARM...

YOU'RE THE DOC... AIN'T YOU?

YES... SIT DOWN! LOOKS LIKE A BAD ARM!

WHY... IT'S A BULLET WOUND AND THE BULLET'S STILL IN THERE!

WELL, DON'T STAND THERE LOOKING AT IT! **GET IT OUT!!**



OF COURSE YOU REALIZE IT'S MY DUTY TO REPORT THIS TO THE POLICE!

YOU'LL KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT AND REPORT NOTHING ... UNLESS YOU WANT ME TO PUT ONE OF THESE LEAD PELLETS IN YOU!

"HE FORCED ME TO REMOVE THE BULLET AND BANDAGE HIS ARM. I WAS NO SOONER THROUGH WHEN...

HERE'S A SMALL SAMPLE OF WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF YUH SING TO THE COPS ABOUT ME BEING HERE!

NO!! STOP!!



REMEMBER... ONE DADDY... PEEP OUT OF YOU AND I'LL BE BACK AND FIX YOU AND THE GIRL FOR GOOD!

AFTER SOME MORE ROUTINE QUESTIONS, WE TOOK THE DOC AND HIS DAUGHTER DOWNSTAIRS TO CHECK A FILE OF MUG SHOTS. 4:19... THEY STOPPED TO GAPE AT ONE FACE

THAT'S HIM, DADDY! **THAT'S HIM!**

IT FIGURES! YES, YES!



TWO DAYS PREVIOUSLY, OFFICER CARTY HAD SURPRISED A YEGG TRYING TO HOLD UP A LIQUOR STORE! THERE HAD BEEN AN EXCHANGE OF SHOTS BUT THE THIEF HAD MANAGED TO ESCAPE...

CARTY WAS RIGHT, PAT! HE DID MANAGE TO WING HIM BEFORE HE GOT AWAY!

IT CHECKS OUT ALL RIGHT! HOOKS MARLOW IS OUR BOY!



I WASN'T SO KEEN ON FATHER COMING HERE, OFFICER... IF... IF THIS MAN HOOKS MARLOW FINDS OUT!

THAT'S THE WAY WE EARN OUR SALARY, MISS, TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF THIS TOWN FROM THE LIKES OF MARLOW! IT'S ABOUT TIME PEOPLE LEARNED YOU CAN'T BUY OFF A RAT!



5:02...WE DROVE THE DOC AND HIS DAUGHTER HOME AND STAKED OUT TEAMS OF MEN TO WATCH THE DOCTOR'S HOUSE. WE PUT OUT A DRAGNET FOR MARLOW AND BEGAN TO MAKE THE ROUNDS OURSELVES...



THERE WERE A LOT MORE STOPS... MORE QUESTIONS...MORE LOOKING... IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. BUT WE CAME UP WITH NOTHING. MARLOW HAD DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT THEN, ONE EVENING... SOME FOUR DAYS LATER...



CALM DOWN, MISS, WE'LL BE RIGHT OVER THERE. YEAHH... BUT MAYBE IF YOU CALLED US AS SOON AS HE LEFT THE HOUSE...ALL RIGHT... WE'RE ON OUR WAY!

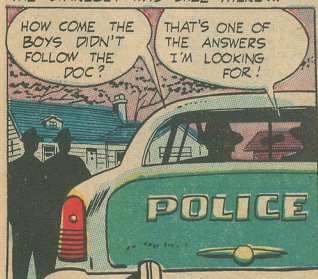


LET'S HAVE IT!

THAT WAS LAURA MANDELL...THE DOC'S DAUGHTER. SHE SAYS THE DOC HASN'T SHOWED SINCE THIS MORNING!



WE BROKE UP TRAFFIC WITH AN OPEN SIREN, AND MINUTES LATER, WE PULLED UP AT A QUIET, RESIDENTIAL STREET. THE STAKEOUT WAS STILL THERE...



NO, SARGE...AS FAR AS WE KNOW THE DOC HASN'T LEFT THE HOUSE. BERNSTEIN AND O'BRIEN WHO WE RELIEVED SAYS BOTH OF THEM HAVE BEEN INSIDE RIGHT ALONG!

I DON'T GET IT! STAY PUT HERE FOR AWHILE. PAT AND I ARE GOING INSIDE!



9:43...HIS DAUGHTER LET US INTO THE HOUSE. ONE LOOK AT HER DRAWN FACE AND I COULD SEE THAT SHE WAS PLENTY WORRIED OVER THE DOC'S DISAPPEARANCE...

HOW DID YOUR FATHER GET OUT OF HERE WITHOUT THE BOYS SEEING HIM... AND WHY?

I TRIED TO TALK HIM OUT OF IT--BUT HE HAS PATIENTS HE HASN'T SEEN IN DAYS. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT IF HE MADE A FEW CALLS RIGHT HERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.



YOU FIGURED WRONG! I SUPPOSE HE SLIPPED OUT THE BACK WAY AND THOUGHT IT WAS SMART TO FOOL THOSE MEN OUTSIDE WHO WERE HERE TO WATCH HIM!

WHAT'S THIS...THE LIST OF CALLS HE WAS TO MAKE?



YES! HE COULDN'T HAVE GONE FAR BECAUSE HE DIDN'T TAKE THE CAR! I IMAGINE HE JUST TOOK THOSE CALLS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

WELL...SIT TIGHT! WE'LL DOUBLE CHECK THE LIST AND SEE WHAT WE COME UP WITH!



WE STARTED TO CHECK OUT THE CALLS AND THE FIRST FEW WE MADE NETTED US ZERO...

YEAH...THE DOC WAS HERE LAST NIGHT...STAYED TWENTY MINUTES AND LEFT...

YES...HE WAS HERE, BUT LEFT SOON AFTERWARDS. ANYTHING WRONG?

NO-O...HE'S NOT HERE! WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR HIM!

WE STARTED TO COMB THE LOT... LOOKING HARD FOR SOMETHING...



WE CONTINUED TO CHECK, AND ONE OF THE NUMBERS PULLED US UP IN FRONT OF A LOT OVERGROWN WITH WEEDS...

I DON'T GET IT! ACCORDING TO THIS, THIS LOT SHOULD BE THE NUMBER... BUT NO HOUSE!

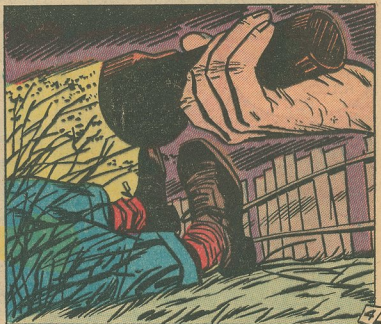


YOU THINKING WHAT I'M THINKING?

YEAH...LET'S TAKE A LOOK AND PRAY THAT WE'RE WRONG!



...AND THEN WE SAW IT!



IT WAS THE DOC ALL RIGHT. A DEAD DOC. HE HAD BEEN PLUGGED AND HORRIBLY BEATEN...



WE SEE A GREAT DEAL OF THAT STUFF IN OUR WORK... BUT THIS HIT ME HARD. IT SEEMED SO SENSELESS. A GUY WITH TWO HANDS TO HELP PEOPLE GETTING IT THIS WAY...

BETTER PUT IN A CALL TO THE CAPTAIN AND THE CORONER. I'LL STAY WITH THE BODY. DON'T LET HIS DAUGHTER COME HERE. I DON'T WANT HER TO SEE HIM THIS WAY!



IT WAS HOMICIDE'S CASE NOW. BUT SINCE PAT AND I HAD STARTED ON IT, THE CAPTAIN KEPT US WORKING ON IT. WE BROKE THE NEWS AS GENTLY AS WE COULD TO THE DAUGHTER AND TOOK HER DOWNTOWN...

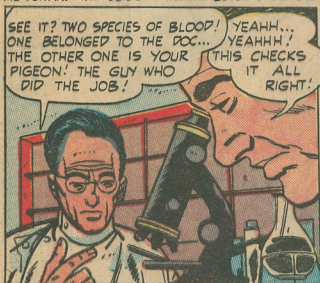


COULD WE GET YOU SOME COFFEE... OR SOMETHING?

NO... NO... (SOB!)

GOT A FEW MINUTES, SARGE? SOMETHING IN THE LAB I WANT YOU TO SEE!

THE CORONER HAD FOUND SOMETHING ALL RIGHT. I COULD TELL BY THE IMPATIENT WAY HE SHOVED ME TOWARD THE SLIDES WITH THE BLOOD SPECIMENS...



SEE IT? TWO SPECIES OF BLOOD! ONE BELONGED TO THE DOC... THE OTHER ONE IS YOUR PIGEON! THE GUY WHO DID THE JOB!

YEAHH... YEAHHH... THIS CHECKS IT ALL RIGHT!

DON'T YOU GET IT, PAT? DURING THE STRUGGLE MARLOW'S WOUND MUST'VE OPENED! HE LEFT SOME SAMPLES THERE... SO THAT MEANS HE'S BLEEDING!

AND HE'S GOING TO NEED TO GET THAT WOUND DRESSED PRETTY SOON. HE'LL BE LOOKING FOR ANOTHER MEDIC!



WE ALERTED EVERY M.D. IN TOWN AND THEN TRIED TO SIT TIGHT. BUT HOOKS MUST HAVE CRAWLED INTO A HOLE AND PULLED THE HOLE IN AFTER HIM. NOT A RUMBLE DID WE GET FOR TWO DAYS. THEN ON THURSDAY, AT 10:28, THE PHONE CHIMED...



THIS IS DR. RAWSON AT THE HOTEL CLEBURNE. I JUST FIXED SOME MAN'S ARM--IT WAS A BULLET WOUND. HE LOST QUITE A BIT OF BLOOD. YOU WANTED TO BE INFORMED...

WE'RE ON OUR WAY, DOC!

WE BULLED OUR WAY DOWN THERE--AND FAST! THE DOC WAS WAITING FOR US IN THE LOBBY...

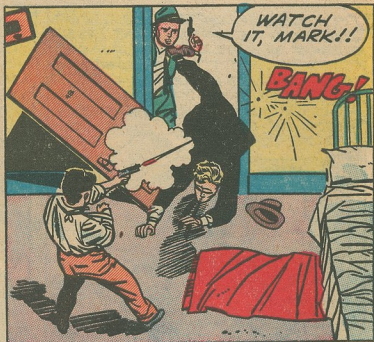


YOU'LL FIND HIM IN ROOM 413. BE CAREFUL...HE HAS A GUN!

HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE!



WE HEARD THE LOCK SLIDE BACK, AND THEN THE DOOR WAS CAUTIOUSLY OPENED A FEW INCHES. THAT'S ALL MY FOOT NEEDED FOR LEVERAGE AND I LET GO...



SHORTLY THEREAFTER, GEORGE 'HOOKS' MARLOW WAS INDICTED AND TRIED FOR MURDER. HE WAS FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!

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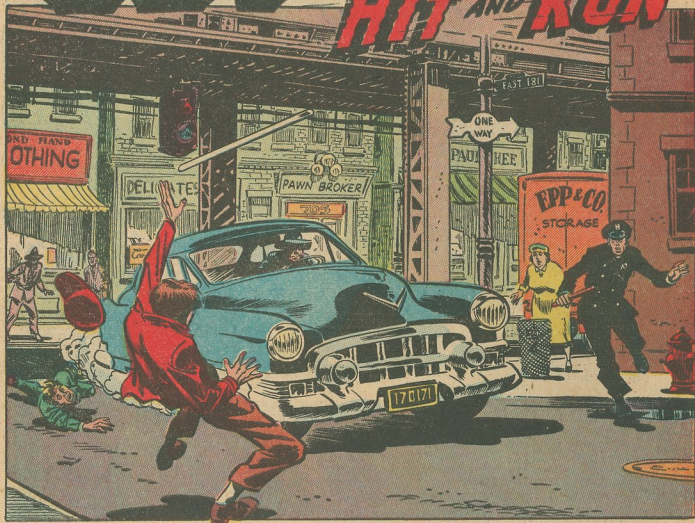
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THE COP

Kenny Cogan's beat is something you'd call a slum area. Here you have to improvise your own playgrounds--playgrounds you share with speeding cars. And while you're playing hide and seek with sudden death and injury you get tagged sometimes--tagged by killers behind the wheel of a steel juggernaut who...

HIT AND RUN



THE STICKBALL GAME WAS CLOSE, BUT IT WASN'T DESTINED TO GO ALL NINE INNINGS...NOT IF "TIP" CURRY HAD ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT...

GET GOING OR I'LL WRAP THIS CROW BAR AROUND YER NECK!

HOLD IT, CURRY... HOLD IT!

THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'M WARNING YOU KIDS TO STAY AWAY FROM MY PLACE! **BEAT IT!**

AAAAHH...GO FLY A KITE! WE AIN'T HURTIN' YOU!



THAT LITTLE TOY YOU HAVE THERE CAN HURT SOMEBODY, CURRY...AND IT'S NOTHING TO THREATEN A BUNCH OF KIDS WITH!

LISTEN...I'M SICK AND TIRED OF TELLING THAT KID BROTHER OF YOURS AND HIS GANG TO STAY AWAY! THAT UNIFORM DOESN'T TELL ME HOW TO RUN MY BUSINESS!

WELL... WE GOTTA PLAY SOMEPLACE!

WELL...BUILD'EM A PLAYGROUND! I GOT CARS COMING AND GOING AROUND HERE ALL DAY!

STOP RACING YOUR MOTOR... I'LL TALK TO THE KIDS!

SORRY, FELLOWS, THE LAW'S ON HIS SIDE! I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO BREAK IT UP! WHY DON'T YOU GO OVER TO JEFFERSON PARK?

AHH...THAT'S MORE THAN A MILE AWAY! WE'RE BUSHED BY THE TIME WE GET THERE!

THAT "TIP" CURRY! WILL IT HURT HIM IF THE BOYS PLAY A LITTLE BALL? CHILDREN HAVE TO PLAY! WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO GO? IF THEY DON'T PLAY BALL, THEY'LL GO TO THE POOLROOM... MAKE TROUBLE!

SIGH! I KNOW, MR. SCHWARTZ! DON'T YOU THINK I REMEMBER WHEN I USED TO BE CHASED? IT WASN'T SO LONG AGO, EITHER!



IT WAS JUST AN INCIDENT IN THE DAY'S ROUTINE FOR KENNY AND HE'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN IT BY DINNER TIME THAT NIGHT...

HEY...WHERE YOU RUNNING TO WILLIE? I'M GOING OUT TO MEET THE FELLOWS! YOU DIDN'T FINISH YOUR DINNER!

IT'S KIND OF LATE! DON'T YOU HAVE ANY HOMEWORK TO DO? I'LL BE RIGHT BACK! FOR CRYING OUT LOUD--PO I HAVE TO GET A THIRD DEGREE WHENEVER I STEP OUT OF THE HOUSE FOR A WHILE?

A LITTLE BIG SHOT, ISN'T HE? I SURE WISH I COULD MOVE HIM AND YOU OUT OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, MOM!

I LIVED HERE PRETTY NEAR ALL MY LIFE, SON... AND I'M KIND OF USED TO IT! WILLIE IS JUST FEELING HIS OATS. THEY ALL DO AT HIS AGE!



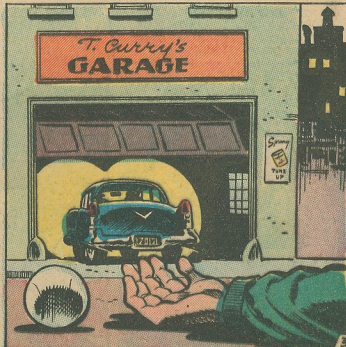
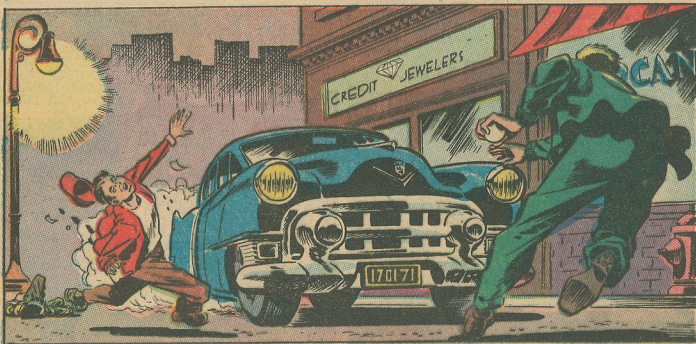
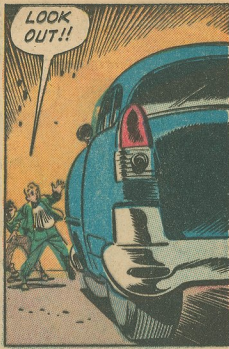
NBODY KNOWS HOW OR WHY WILLIE AND HIS TWO FRIENDS DRIFTED TOWARD THE TAILOR SHOP... BUT THAT'S WHERE THEY WERE AN HOUR LATER...

WELL, BOYS...I GUESS I'LL CALL IT A DAY AND GO HOME!

'NIGHT, MR. SCHWARTZ!



BACK AND FORTH WENT THE BALL... BACK AND FORTH...AND SUDDENLY THE BOYS PAUSED AS THE SOUND OF PROTESTING, SCREAMING TIRES FILLED THE AIR...



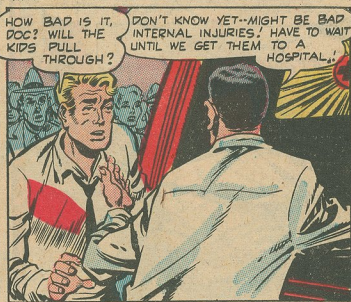
IT WAS SHORTLY AFTERWARDS THAT KENNY HEARD THE FRANTIC POUNDING ON HIS DOOR AND WHEN HE ANSWERED IT...



THE COP DIDN'T WAIT TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS BUT SHOT OUT OF THE HOUSE AND SECONDS LATER WAS ELBOWING HIS WAY THROUGH THE CROWD...



AND THEN THE WAILING OF THE AMBULANCE SIREN... AND THE HIGH PITCH OF POLICE SIRENS BLENDED WITH IT... AND THE CROWD FELL BACK...



AT THE HOSPITAL...



A HIT AND RUN! IS THERE ANYTHING LOWER THAN THAT, BURKE?

GET HOLD OF YOURSELF, KENNY... I'LL MAKE OUT THE REPORT FOR YOU. THE ONLY WAY WE CAN HELP THE KIDS NOW IS FIND THE RAT WHO DID IT!



AND I'LL FIND HIM ALL RIGHT! I'LL FIND HIM IF I HAVE TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE DOING IT!



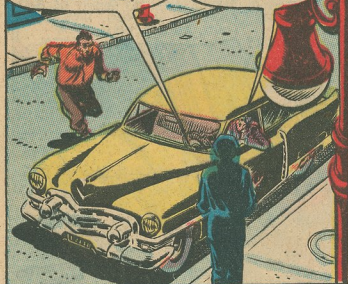
WHERE DO YOU BEGIN TO LOOK FOR A HIT AND RUN DRIVER? HOW DO YOU START? KENNY DECIDED TO START AT THE BEGINNING...WHERE IT HAPPENED...

I WAS JUST GOING HOME AND THEN I HEARD THE SCREECH OF THE TIRES! AND THEN LIKE A SCREAM! WHEN I RAN BACK--THERE--IT SOUNDED LIKE THAT!



WELL...TRY HANDLING A TICKET FOR RECKLESS DRIVING! LET ME SEE YOUR LICENSE!

I DIDN'T DO NUTTIN'! WHAT ARE YUH GIVIN' ME A TICKET FOR?



YOU'RE NOT ON A SPEEDWAY, MISTER! THAT'S NO WAY TO DRIVE A CAR ON CITY STREETS!

ALL RIGHT...ALL RIGHT...TAKE IT EASY! I CAN HANDLE CARS!



YOU BEEN GUNNIN' FOR ME A LONG TIME, COGAN! YOU AIN'T GETTIN' AWAY WITH IT! I GOT FRIENDS AT CITY HALL!

GIVE 'EM MY REGARDS! HMM...I SEE YOU GOT A NEW PAINT JOB ON THIS HEAP! IT'S A PRETTY NEW MODEL! HOW COME?



THE GUY THAT'S BUYING IT WANTS THAT COLOR! DO I HAVE TO TELL NOSEY COPS MY BUSINESS? GET THAT JOB IN THE GARAGE, TOOEY!

I LIKE TO SEE A GUY GET ALONG...AND YOU SEEM TO BE DOING ALL RIGHT! YOU SELL A LOT OF CARS!



ALL RIGHT...WE GOT YOUR TICKET... BUT IT'S NO INVITATION TO SNOOP, COGAN! WATCH YOUR STEP! YOU MAY BE POUNDING A BEAT OUT IN THE STICKS!

THAT'S IT, KENNY...THAT'S IT...I HEARD IT!



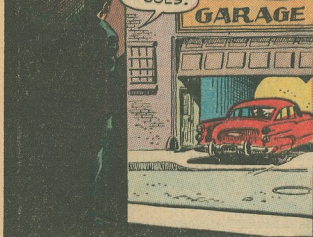
HEARD WHAT?

THE NIGHT OF THE ACCIDENT... WHEN THE BOYS WERE HIT! I RAN BACK...BUT COULD NOT SEE A CAR! BUT I HEARD THAT GARAGE DOOR CLOSING! I HEARD IT!



LATE THAT NIGHT, IN CIVVIES, KENNY TOOK A POST NEAR THE TAILOR SHOP, KEEPING HIS EYE ON THE GARAGE DOOR. AT ABOUT 2 A.M. IT SUDDENLY OPENED TO SWALLOW UP A SPEEDING CAR...

IT ALL FITS...THE STOLEN CADDY--THE BROKEN HEADLIGHTS WHEN IT HIT THE KIDS--AND NOW ANOTHER JOB! WELL HERE GOES!



MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE GARAGE...

ALL RIGHT, YOU GUYS...WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO! MIKE--FIX THAT SERIAL NUMBER ON THE ENGINE--FAST! PUT A BLUE GOAT OF PAINT ON THIS ONE!



JUST LEAVE IT ALONE, CURRY! I'LL NEED THAT CAR AS EVIDENCE FOR YOUR "HOT" CAR RACKET!

IT'S THE COP!

AND YOU MUST BE THE LITTLE WEASEL THAT WAS ON THAT "HIT AND RUN" JOB WITH A CADDY! THOSE NEW HEADLIGHTS CURRY PUT ON GAVE IT ALL AWAY! YOU KNOW WHAT THEY GIVE YOU FOR "HIT AND RUN"? TWENTY YEARS OR MORE!

I WANTED TO CALL AN AMBULANCE BUT CURRY WOULDN'T LET ME! I AIN'T TAKING THE RAP!

SHUT UP!

YOU AIN'T GETTING OUT OF HERE ALIVE, COPPER! GET HIM!

BLAM!



NOW JUST MOVE OVER THERE LIKE I TELL YOU AND MAYBE I WON'T HAVE TO WASTE ANOTHER BULLET!

I'M BLEEDING! GET ME A DOCTOR! GET ME A DOCTOR!



AND AFTER HE BOOKED THEM...AND THE PAPERS HAD THE STORY, AND IT WAS ALL ON THE BLOTTER...KENNY WENT VISITING...

THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T WANT YOU KIDS HANGING AROUND. STOLEN CARS DON'T MIX WITH BALL PLAYING! BUT ANYWAY, YOU KID'S ARE GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT!

HEY, KENNY...I READ WHERE YOU GOT A CITATION! I SURE AM PROUD OF YOU!



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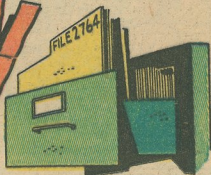
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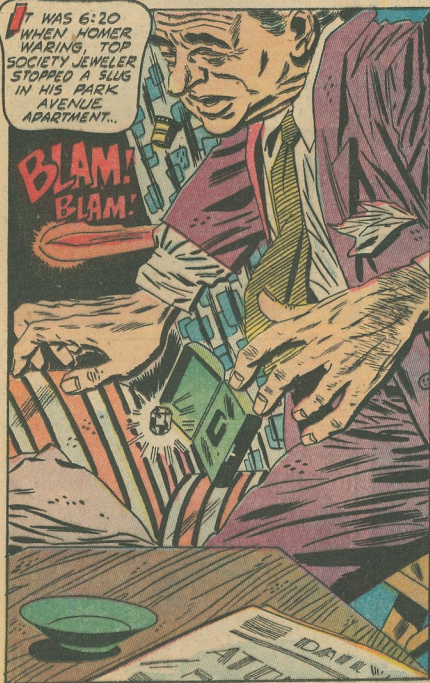
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IT WAS 6:20 WHEN HOMER WARING, TOP SOCIETY JEWELER STOPPED A SLUG IN HIS PARK AVENUE APARTMENT...

**BLAM!
BLAM!**



OPERATOR! GET ME THE POLICE! I'VE BEEN SHOT! HURRY... I'M AGHHHHH...



6:23 P.M.... PAT POLO AND I ARE WORKING THE NIGHT WATCH OUT OF HOMICIDE! THE CALL CAME IN TO US...

HOMER WARING! SHOT! ... OKAY, THANKS! WE'LL GET MOVING!



WE MOVED, ALL RIGHT... AND WITH THE SIREN SCREAMING, CHASING TRAFFIC FROM OUR PATH...



WE MADE THE APARTMENT IN SIX MINUTES FLAT FROM THE TIME OF THE OPERATOR'S CALL. THE DOOR WAS LOCKED FROM THE INSIDE... SO WE USED MUSCLE TO GET IN...



I WAS RIGHT! HE'S DEAD... SHOT IN THE BACK!

FUNNY THING! HE DIDN'T SHOOT HIMSELF BECAUSE THERE'S NO GUN AROUND! BUT ALL THE WINDOWS ARE LOCKED AND WE HAD TO BREAK IN THE DOOR!



PAT WAS RIGHT! WARING HAD BEEN LOCKED IN HIS OWN APARTMENT WHEN WE FOUND HIM DEAD!



WARING HAD A SECRETARY... MISS ELLEN PRUETT. WHILE THE MEDICAL EXAMINER WENT THROUGH A QUICK O-O WE GOT HER UP TO THE APARTMENT TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS...



THE WALPOLE DIAMOND! MR. WARING HAD IT WITH HIM! HE HAD BEEN COMMISSIONED TO CUT IT AND HAD BEEN STUDYING IT HERE FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS!

THE WALPOLE DIAMOND! WHEW! THAT'S WORTH A FORTUNE!



WE QUESTIONED THE GIRL ABOUT OTHER EMPLOYEES... SOMEBODY WHO MIGHT HAVE A KEY TO THE PREMISES...

NOBODY HAS A KEY EXCEPT MR. WARING...NOT EVEN WALTER STARR! HE WAS MR. WARING'S ASSISTANT! THEY WERE HERE WHEN I LEFT AT FIVE O'CLOCK!

WALTER STARR, EH? CAN YOU TELL US WHERE WE CAN LOCATE HIM?

THE SECRETARY GAVE US AN ADDRESS NOT FAR AWAY AND AT 7:20 WE WERE RINGING STARR'S DOORBELL...

LOOKS LIKE FRIEND STARR IS OUT!

SOMEONE'S COMING UP THE STAIRS! QUICK! DUCK INTO THOSE SHADOWS AGAINST THE WALL!

JUST A MINUTE, STARR! WE'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU!

HUH?



DON'T HIT ME ANYMORE! WHO ARE YOU?

POLICE OFFICERS! SERGEANTS FABIAN AND POLO! WHAT MAKES YOU SO FAST WITH YOUR FISTS?



POLICE? I...I THOUGHT IT WAS A HOLD-UP! I WORK FOR A JEWELER, YOU KNOW, AND I'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL!

YES, WE KNOW! THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE!



STARR SEEMED TO GO TO PIECES WHEN HE TOLD HIM ABOUT WARING, OR MAYBE HE WAS PUTTING ON A GOOD ACT...

HOMER SHOT!
OH, NO...I LEFT
HIM LESS THAN
TWO HOURS
AGO!

WAS
HE
ALONE?



YES, HE WAS ALONE! THERE WAS THIS WOMAN...MRS. CLAYMORE, I THINK SHE SAID HERE NAME WAS... WHO HAD COME UP WITH HER CHILD TO DISCUSS AN EMERALD BRACELET! SHE LEFT FIRST AND THEN I FOLLOWED AT 5:30. MR. WARING LOCKED THE DOOR BEHIND ME!



WE RUMPED STARR A LITTLE MORE, BUT EITHER HE HAD NOTHING TO TELL OR WE WEREN'T DOING A GOOD JOB! THERE WAS NO SIGN OF THE WALPOLE DIAMOND IN HIS PLACE...

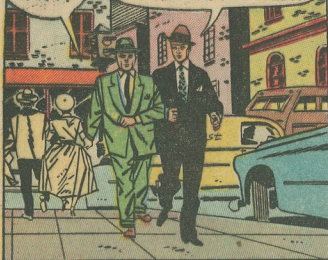
THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, STARR! BUT KEEP YOURSELF AVAILABLE! WE MIGHT WANT TO TALK TO YOU AGAIN!

ANY TIME, SERGEANT!



WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF HIM, MARK?

HARD TO SAY! I'D LIKE TO LOCATE THAT MRS. CLAYMORE HE MENTIONED...THE WOMAN WITH THE KID! I WISH HE HAD HER ADDRESS!



WE STARTED TO COMB THE NEIGHBORHOOD. PAT SUDDENLY LET OUT A BELLOW...

HEY! WAIT A MINUTE! THAT STROLLER LOOKS FAMILIAR... THE ONE THAT DAME WAS WHEELING WHEN WE NEARLY RAN HER DOWN!

SO WHAT?



SO IT'S JUST A WILD HUNCH, BUT MAYBE THIS DAME IS THE MRS. CLAYMORE STARR WAS TALKING ABOUT... YOU KNOW...A WOMAN WITH A KID!

COULD BE! SHE WAS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF WARING'S PLACE WHEN WE SAW HER! LET'S TAKE A LOOK!



THERE WAS NO CLAYMORE IN THE BELLS DOWNSTAIRS BUT THE BUILDING SUPER TOLD US WHO THE CARRIAGE BELONGED TO AND WE WENT LOOKING...JUST IN CASE...

THERE'S NO MRS. CLAYMORE THAT LIVES HERE!

PSST...THAT'S HER... THE DAME WE ALMOST RAN DOWN!

WE'RE POLICE OFFICERS. MA'M! WE'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU!



HER NAME WAS RITA MANN, SO SHE SAID. WE FOUND HER HUSBAND AND THE KID INSIDE THE APARTMENT. THEY'D JUST FINISHED DINNER...

SORRY TO DISTURB YOU, FOLKS, BUT WE RECOGNIZED THE KID'S CARRIAGE DOWNSTAIRS! YOU WERE ON PARK NEAR 60TH AROUND 6:30 THIS EVENING, WEREN'T YOU MRS. MANN?

ANYTHING WRONG IN THAT?



THERE WAS A MAN MURDERED IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD JUST ABOUT THAT TIME! I WONDER IF YOU NOTICED ANYONE SUSPICIOUS AROUND... SOMEONE MAKING A GETAWAY?

I...I'M AFRAID NOT...



WELL, JUST THOUGHT YOU GOT WE'D CHECK! THANKS, MA'M!

A RATTLE IN YOUR GUN, SONNY! SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING'S LOOSE! HERE, LEMME LOOK AT IT!



THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE HANDLE!

BAW! BAW! GUN! GUN!



QUIT TEASING THE KID!

HUH?



OH! CANDY IN THE GUN HANDLE! SORRY, KID!

PAT DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM, FOLKS! HE'S A LITTLE CLUMSY WITH KIDS! LET'S GO!



8:57... WE LEFT THE MANN APARTMENT...BACK WHERE WE STARTED FROM...

WELL, WE DREW A BLANK THAT TIME! WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

FIRST I WANT A PACK OF CIGARETTES! THERE'S A STORE BACK THERE A BIT!



WE DRIFTED OVER TO THE CANDY STORE. INSIDE, SOMETHING CAUGHT PAT'S EYE...



SOMETHING SUDDENLY CLICKED, AND I LEFT THE STORE FAST...

9:14... WE WERE BACK IN FRONT OF RITA MANN'S APARTMENT, KNOCKING ON THE DOOR AGAIN...





LOOK OUT, PAT!



WOW! IT'S REAL!

BLAM!

THE MAS-
QUERADE
IS OVER!
STAND
WHERE
YOU ARE!

LEMME GO,
YOU DIRTY
FLATFOOT!

THERE IT IS,
PAT, THE
WALPOLE
DIAMOND!
THAT SURE
WOULD BUY
A LOT OF
CANDY!

THE IDEA HIT ME IN THE STORE
WHEN YOU SHOWED ME THE
DIFFERENCE IN THE GUN,
PAT! THAT'S WHEN I
FIGURED THAT KID MIGHT
NOT BE A KID AT ALL...
BUT A MIDGET!

YOU FIGURED
RIGHT, MARK!

9:35... WE TOOK THE TRIO DOWN
TO HEADQUARTERS. THE GUN
CRACKED FIRST AND SPILLED
THE WHOLE STORY. THE REST
OF THE PIECES FELL INTO PLACE.

THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO GET
IN AND OUT OF THAT LOCKED
APARTMENT... THROUGH THE
HOT AIR VENT! A NORMAL
PERSON WOULDN'T FIT... BUT
A MIDGET WOULD! THEY USED
THE VENT TO GAIN ENTRY... PLUG
WARNING AND LEAVE THE SAME
WAY WITH THE DIAMOND!

SHORTLY
THEREAFTER,
THE TRIO
WERE TRIED
FOR MURDER
AND
ROBBERY!
THEY WERE
FOUND GUILTY
AND
SENTENCED
TO LIFE
IMPRISONMENT.
THEY ARE
NOW SERVING
THEIR TERMS.

CASE
CLOSED

**The
END**

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FREE-LANCE MURDER



MURDER was Soapy's job. He ran it like a business. Somebody wanted somebody else rubbed out and you put in a call for Soapy. His fee varied from one to five thousand. It all depended on how big the "pigeon" was. Soapy had no scruples about killing anybody. The guy had to die—Soapy got the job—cased him and then pulled the trigger. It was easy as that. He was doing a nice little business, too, until the day Big Charlie called him in to rub out a bookie who had moved in on him without paying off. The potential victim knew all of Big Charlie's torpedoes, so it had to be a free lance assignment. Big Charlie was willing to pay two grand for the job and Soapy took it.

For the next few days, Soapy trailed the bookie. He was glad to note that the "pigeon" took care of his digestion and ate only in the best places. That made it easier for Soapy who had to favor his ulcers. Then, one night, he cornered the bookie in an alley. Two shots was all it took and the job was over.

Soapy immediately went to Big Charlie's place to tell him of the demise of the bookie. Big Charlie nodded in satisfaction.

"Nice work, Soapy. Now let yourself out. I'm a busy man."

"Ain't you forgetting the two grand which I was supposed to receive for taking care of this 'pigeon'? Soapy asked in a surprised manner.

But Soapy suddenly found himself flanked by Big Charlie's torpedoes and they were nudging him toward the door with the hard end of a couple of guns. Then it hit Soapy. Big Charlie was welching on paying off. They slammed the door on him and Soapy found himself in the street without a nickel for his trouble. That bothered Soapy. It was the first time he hadn't been paid off and he couldn't let that happen.

"I guess I'll have to see him again and have another talk with Big Charlie," thought Soapy. "It would be bad business for me to let him get away with it."

Soapy immediately went to a little club that Big Charlie ran and waited for his chance to slip into Big Charlie's office. At last, he saw Big Charlie's torpedoes slip away from the door and go to the bar for a drink. That's when Soapy slipped into the office and quietly closed the door. Big Charlie was heavy and beefy and sweated a lot. When he looked up and saw who had come into his office, he sweated more than usual. His face got chalky white when he saw the look in Soapy's beady eyes.

"It wasn't very nice to welch on the payoff, Big Charlie," said Soapy.

"I—I was going to pay you, Soapy," stammered Big Charlie. He was cringing in fear. "Look—I got the money for you right in my drawer here."

He opened his desk drawer and his hand touched the butt of a gun that was there. And that was his big mistake. He should have known better than try to trade lead with Soapy. Big Charlie got it right between the eyes. When the torpedoes came bursting into the room, Big Charlie was very dead and slumped over the desk. Soapy was calmly counting out some money from Big Charlie's wallet. Soapy was surprised at the amount of money in the wallet and figured the gambling business must be good—in fact, very, very good.

When the other torpedoes came bursting into the office, Big Charlie was still slumped over the desk and Soapy was calmly sitting in his chair behind the big desk. Soapy was still holding his gun when he barked at them.

"Big Charlie owes me two grand and there was only fifteen hundred in his wallet. I want the balance—and fast."

The torpedoes stood there gaping at him. Then one of them went for his gun. It was in a shoulder holster and took a long time to reach. By the time he did reach it, Soapy's bullet was ripping through his gut and he was dead by the time he hit the floor. That shot brought more of Big Charlie's mob on the run. It didn't take them long to size up the situation and a look of fearful respect was on their faces when they turned toward Soapy.

"You can have the dough, Boss," said the torpedo. "Put that rod away. It makes us nervous."

Boss! That one word started the wheels going in Soapy's crafty mind. Why not? Somebody would have to take over and step into Big Charlie's shoes. Why not him? It was time he moved up the ladder. He didn't want to be a torpedo for somebody else all his life. They respected his gun. So right then and there, Soapy took over Big Charlie's mob and operations.

In the weeks that passed, Soapy not only began to act the part of the big boss—but dress the part as well. He had a lot of fancy clothes—smoked long cigars and he made the boys toe the line. But he knew he had to watch them. One false move and he'd go the way Big Charlie did. So he never went anywhere without his gun. That was his insurance.

In due time, Soapy even found himself a girl. A cute little number who danced in the chorus line at the club. When he threw her a thousand dollar tip one night, he knew that she belonged to him. Things were going just as if Big Charlie was running it himself.

Then, one day, a new guy showed up. He told Soapy he was from the syndicate. Big Charlie had been their boy and he wanted to know all the answers. But Soapy was feeling his oats now. Of course he had heard about the syndicate. But who needed them? He was doing all right and he didn't like the idea of splitting his take with anyone. When the syndicate man asked him to toe the line like Big Charlie did, Soapy nixed it.

"Nobody tells me how to run my business," Soapy said. "I'll take care of things myself."

The syndicate man mournfully shook his head when he heard Soapy tell him that nobody was getting a cut of the pie. He put on his hat and walked out without saying another word. Soapy figured as long as he kept his gun handy, he didn't have anything to worry about.

Meanwhile, Soapy's romance with his doll, Gloria, was flourishing. When she gave him that baby stare from those big blue eyes, Soapy felt like he was sitting on top of the world. And don't think Soapy didn't go for her in a big way too. He was going to make a big star out of her some day. But she began to nag him about his gun. Everytime he put his arms around her, she grimaced in distaste. It wasn't that she didn't like Soapy's attentions. But the gun he carried made her very uncomfortable when he gave her a kiss and a squeeze. That gun was making her nervous.

"You're a big shot now," she pouted. "Why don't you let the boys do your dirty work for you like Big Charlie did?"

Soapy tried to explain how it was his insurance. But when she kept recoiling in fear everytime she felt the gun press against her, Soapy decided to let true love win out. Okay—he would play it all the way like Big Charlie did. So he put his gun in the drawer and then triumphantly told Gloria about it. This time, when he gave her a kiss and a squeeze, she didn't recoil in fright. There was no gun.

The doll was right, thought Soapy, when noth-

ing special happened the next few days. After all, a big shot ought not to carry his own rod. That was a torpedo's job. You never saw a big shot in the movies with a gun. Why worry? His car had bullet proof glass and two torpedoes tailed him wherever he went.

But one night, when he was taking a juicy pile of greenbacks home from the gambling casino, he was told that his chauffeur had reported sick. One of his other boys would drive. Soapy didn't like it. So he went back to his office to get his gun. Gloria followed him and when she saw him take the gun out of the drawer she let out a loud squark. She wouldn't go with him if he was going to slip back to the old ways. Soapy tried to explain, but it was no go. Finally, they compromised. Gloria would carry the gun. Soapy watched her stuff it into her little evening bag, and then both went out to the car. Even though the gun was a tight fit, and the outline of it could be seen through the bag, Soapy felt reassured.

But the car had only gone a few blocks when Soapy's hunch about smelling a rat came to fruition. He glanced through the back of the car window and was just in time to see a long black car pull toward him. He knew that the model car was the kind that was only used by the syndicate. But before he could shout a warning to his torpedoes in the front seat, the black car had drawn even with his and the staccato bark of a tommy gun was making a lot of round little holes in his boys who quickly lost all interest in the proceedings as they quietly died.

The car spun crazily in a half circle and then came to a sudden stop by crashing into a light pole. Soapy saw the syndicate boys piling out of the black car and heading toward him. He turned to Gloria and shouted real loud.

"My gun, Doll—. Hurry up—give me my gun!"

Gloria knew that trouble was afoot and opened up her bag in a big hurry. She put her dainty little hand in and started to tug on the gun which was wedged very tightly in her little evening bag. But it was no dice. She couldn't budge it. Soapy snatched the bag out of her hand and started to pull and tug at the gun which was being held prisoner by the little evening bag.

It was while he was still frantically tugging at the gun in the little bag, that the syndicate boys opened the door of the car and began to spray Soapy with lead. Gloria was a doll, so they were careful to see that their lead only hit Soapy. And that's how Soapy died. But there was a real regretful look on his face as he faded out permanently. It was a look that said he should have stuck to his trade. Whoever heard of a trigger man being without a rod. But what could he expect when he cashed in his insurance.

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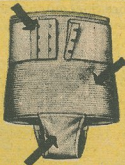
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LUKE THE SPOOK in

WHERE THERE'S A WILL...



SOME DAYS LATER, AT PHOEBE'S FLOPHOUSE--
WHERE LUKE THE SPOOK IS TEMPORARILY
ON THE CUFFOLA...

LETTER FOR YOU, SPOOK!
HMM...IT'S WRIT IN A
MIGHTY SHAKY HAND!

GIVE IT
HERE,
PHOEBE!



IT'S FROM J.P. MORGANSTERN, A POOR OLD
COOT I ONCE GAVE A CIGARETTE BUTT!
MRMBL...? **HUH?** HE WANTS ME TO
SPEND A WEEK-END WITH HIM AT HIS
COUNTRY PLACE!

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SO WHY'NT
YOU GO?
THERE
YOU
MIGHT
EAT!

BUT J.P. MORGAN-
STERN IS POORER
THAN A CHURCH-
MOUSE! HE'S
WORSE OFF THAN
I AM! HOW CAN
HE HAVE A PLACE
IN THE COUNTRY?

SPOOK, HE SAYS
YOU MAY BE
PLEASANTLY
SURPRISED!
SO GO
SEE WHA'
HOPPENS!

TO BE SURE!
WHAT HAVE
I GOT TO
LOSE?



THUS...



AND...

...BUT...
WHAT...
HOW...?

OH, DON'T LOOK SO STARTLED,
MAN! THIS MANSION IS **MINE!**
AND IT'S ALWAYS BEEN MINE!
WHAT'LL YOU HAVE? CHAM-
PAGNE? BREAST OF PHEASANT
UNDER GLASS? CAVIAR FROM
CONTENTED CARP?

B-BUT ONLY A
FEW SHORT DAYS
AGO YOU WERE
GRUBBIN' CIGARETTE
BUTTS! J.P. MOR-
GANSTERN, I
DON'T GET IT!

A **DISGUISE**, SPOOK!
YOU SEE, I'M SEEK-
ING A COMPANION!
ANYONE WILL BE
PALS TO AN OLD
COOT WITH LOOT,
BUT ONLY A GOOD
MAN'LL BE A **CHUM**
TO A **BUM!**



SO I'VE SELECTED YOU! YOU DIDN'T KNOW I WAS RICHER THAN MIDAS, AND YET YOU BEFRIENDED ME!

WHY THE OLD CROW HAS NOTHING BUT DOUGH! BOY, DID I STEP IN IT! WHAT A SET-UP HE IS FOR A CON MAN MAKING A COMEBACK!



AND SO THE WHEELS IN LUKE'S HEAD START SPINNING.....

I WILL MERELY MULCT MORGANSTERN OUT OF HIS MAZUMA, AND THUS REGAIN MY REP! HEH!! THEN LEFTY THE LEECH WILL HAVE TO RESTORE MY MEMBERSHIP IN THE CON MAN'S CLUB!

DINNAH IS SERVED!



BUT SCHEMES TAKE TIME TO FIGURE OUT-- AND BEFORE LUKE CAN COME UP WITH A WORKABLE ONE, THE WEEKEND IS OVER...

GOODBYE NOW, J.P.! SEEING YOU HAS GIVEN ME A NEW-- HEH-- LEASE ON LIFE!

YOU'LL COME AGAIN AS SOON AS I WRITE, SPOOK?

YOU CAN MAKE BOOK ON THAT!



SOMEBODY TOOK A LOOK AT LUKE AND MADE UP THE WORD HAS BEEN!

...We call him Idaho, 'cause he's only half baked...



I ENDURE THEIR QUIPS IN DIGNIFIED SILENCE! SOON THESE JOKERS WILL GET GALLOPING INDIGESTION FROM EATING THEIR WORDS!

NOW THE JEERS ARE EASIER TO BEAR, FOR LUKE IS PLOTTING, PLOTTING.....

AND NOT TOO MANY DAYS LATER...

LETTER FOR YOU, SPOOK! WRIT IN THE SAME SHAKY HAND AS THE LAST ONE!

IT'S FROM J.P. MORGANSTERN! HE'S INVITED ME OUT TO HIS PLACE AGAIN... AND I HAVEN'T YET THOUGHT UP A PLAN!

PHOEBS ROOM... 1018 WITH EUGEN... 507



I'VE GOT TO THINK FAST NOW!

WELCOME, LUKE! I, J.P. MORGANSTERN, HAVE A SENSATIONAL IDEA! LISTEN...





...NO WONDER LUKE THE SPOOK UNDERGOES A CHANGE OF HEART...

I HAVEN'T COME UP WITH A SCHEME TO SWINDLE J.P. MORGANSTERN--BUT WHY SHOULD I BOTHER? HE'S A FINE, KIND-HEARTED GENTLEMAN, AND BESIDES, AS IT IS...



...I'M EATING PRETTY HIGH ON THE HOG! I'M LIVING OFF THE FAT OF THE LAND! I WON'T SWINDLE HIM! I'LL GO STRAIGHT!

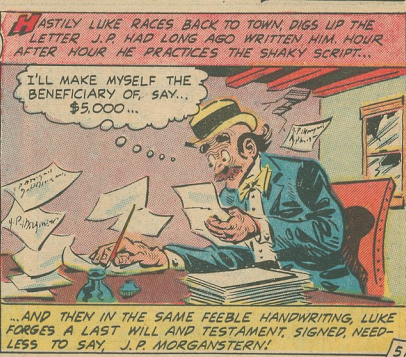




AND LUKE, LIVING IN CLOVER GOES STRAIGHT--- PUTTING FROM HIS MIND ALL THOUGHT OF RE-GAINING HIS POSITION AS TOP CON MAN! WHY SWINDLE, WHEN IT'S MORE FUN BEING LEGIT?



BUT THEN, AFTER A PARTICULARLY GALA EVENING, J.P. MORGANSTERN COUGHS AND COLLAPSES....





LUKE WASTES NO TIME IN COLLECTING THE \$69 HE WROTE HIMSELF IN FOR...



AND SO, HIS REP RESTORED, LUKE, FOR A TIME LIVES HANDSOMELY AND HAPPILY ON HIS PURLOINED LOOT. THEN, ON A BLACK DAY, HIS BUBBLE BURSTS...



THIS IS J.P. MORGANSTERN'S HOUSEKEEPER, SPOOK! YOU MIGHTA' GONE UNDETECTED IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR HER!



I JUST HEARD ABOUT THE WILL! I PROMPTLY INFORMED THE AUTHORITIES IT WAS A FORGERY!



ONCE A WEEK I CLEANED THE J.P. MORGANSTERN MANSION! AT J.P.'S REQUEST I WROTE THE INVITATIONS TO YOU LIKE I WROTE ALL HIS LETTERS FOR 50 YEARS! I ALONE KNEW HE COULD NOT WRITE!



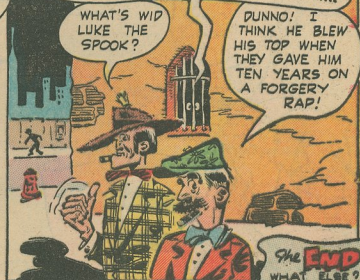
HEH, HEH... THIS'LL KILL YOU, SPOOK! AN ATTORNEY HAS JUST COME FORWARD WITH J.P. MORGANSTERN'S REAL WILL! IN IT, THE OLD COOT LEFT--NOT A MEASLY FIVE GRAND LIKE YOU STOLE--HE LEFT YOU EVERYTHING! MILLIONS!



HE... HE LEFT ME EVERYTHING? ME? EVERYTHING? ME??



HE LEFT ME EVERYTHING, I TELL YOU-- EVERYTHING! I'M RICH! RICH! WOO HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA...



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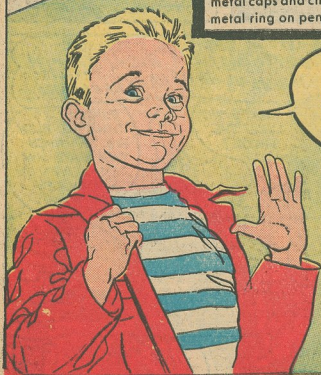


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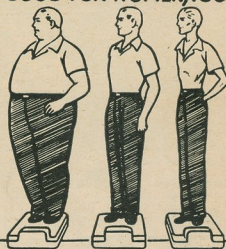
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